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SUBJECT: DR. MALCOLM CURRIE'S BRIEFING OF

DANISH DEFENSE OFFICIALS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: ON SEPT 3 DR. CURRIE BRIEFED DANISH MOD  
OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS KEY FOLKETING DEFENSE COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS ON SOVIET THREAT. END SUMMARY.

1. AT REQUEST OF MINDEF ORLA MOLLER, DR. CURRIE (DIRECTOR  
OF DOD RD&E), CAME TO COPENHAGEN TO GIVE EXTENSIVE BRIEFING  
ON ALLIED AND WARAW PACK TECHNOLOGICAL AND MILITARY  
CAPABILITIES. MOLLER HAD INVITED SELECTED MEMBERS  
OF THE "GROUP OF 12" (THE FOLKETING DEFENSE  
COMMITTEE, MINUS THE FAR LEFT);  
CHIEF OF DEFENSE LT. GEN. BLIXENKRONE-MOLLER  
AND HIS STAFF; AND AMBASSADOR DEAN AND EMBOFFS. IN ADDITION, ALL  
SENIOR OFFICIALS OF MOD WERE PRESENT. FORMER PRIMIN Poul  
HARTLING, CHAIRMAN OF DEFENSE COMMITTEE ARNE CHRISTIANSEN, AND  
FORMER MINDEF ERIK NINN-HANSEN REPRESENTED GROUP OF 12.  
UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE LESS COMMITTED TO A STRONG DEFENSE  
POLICY DID NOT ACCEPT INVITATION.

2. DR. CURRIE GAVE FULL BRIEFING, SIMILAR TO ONE HE PROVIDED

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MOLLER IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH. IN QUESTION PERIOD

CHRISTIANSEN NOTED THAT SITUATION WAS PERHAPS EVEN MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN PAINTED BY DR. CURRIE, INASMUCH AS EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE DEVOTING MORE EFFORT TO DEFENSE THAN THOSE IN WESTERN EUROPE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE US AND THE SOVIETS, AS EXPLAINED BY DR. CURRIE, WOULD BE EVEN LESS IN OUR FAVOR IF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT WERE INCLUDED. DR. CURRIE FELT THAT THIS MAY BE SO.

3. HARTLING ASKED WHERE JAPAN FITTED INTO THE PICTURE. CURRIE REPLIED THAT THE STATE OF JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY WAS EXCELLENT, BUT INASMUCH AS IT WAS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO CIVILIAN PURPOSES THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF DANGER OF LEAKAGE TO WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN COMPUTER FIELD.

4. MOLLER POINTED OUT THE LONG-RANGE DANGER POSED BY THE SUFFICIENT INDUSTRIAL BUILD-UP IN RUSSIA IN IN MILITARY-TYPE PRODUCTION. CURRIE AGREED THIS INDUSTRAL MOMENTUM WAS INDEED A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

5. IN REPLY TO A COMMENT ABOUT THE INCREASE IN THE RUSSIAN SHIP-BUILDING PROGRAM IN THE BALTIC, CURRIE NOTED ALSO THE SOVIET BUILD-UP IN THE KOLA PENINSULA REGION.

6. FINALLY, REFERENCE WAS MADE TO AN ARTICLE IN LEADING COPENHAGEN DAILY "BERLINGSKE TIDENDE" (INDEPENDENT- CONSERVATIVE) OF SEPT 3 CONCERNING DISRUPTION OF RADIO SIGNALS TO GREENLAND BY SOUNDS EMANATING FROM SOVIET COMMUNICATIONS STATION IN KIEV. CURRIE HAD NOT HEARD OF THIS BEFORE BUT PROMISED TO LOOK INTO IT.

7. IN CONCLUDING THE MEETING, MOLLER THANK CURRIE FOR HIS "EXCELLENT PRESENTATION" WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE USEFUL TO ALL THOS PRESENT, BOTH CIVIL SERVANTS AND POLITICIANS. DISCUSSION CONTINUED THROUGH LUNCH, AFTER WHICH CURRIE EXPLAINED AWACS PROGRAM TO DIFFERENT GROUP OF DANISH DEFENSE OFFICIALS (REPORTED SEPTEL).

8. COMMENT: MEETING OF GROUP OF 12 WAS HELD IMMEDIATELY  
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FTERWARDS, IN MOLLER'S OFFICE. WE FEEL, THEREFORE, THAT TIMING OF CURRIE'S VISIT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER, AND THAT EVEN THOUGH NUMBER OF POLITICAL LEADERS WHO HEARD PRESENTATION WAS LIMITED, EFFECTS WILL BE POSITIVE, AS GROUP NOW MOVES INTO INTENSIVE DEBATE OF NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT. CURRIE HAD FURTHER CHANCE TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH CHIEF OF DEFENSE AND HIS STAFF AT WORKING DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT.

9. THIS MESSAGE WAS CLEARED BY DR. CURRIE.  
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